

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, July13, 2023, at Barnes Town Hall Office

Meeting called to order at 9:30 by Terry Kolberg (standing in for chairman Blair Gagne)

Quorum was established with members present: Marcia Wellnitz, Mark Sutton, Terry Kolberg, Dawn Piburn and via phone, Marc Lybeck. Also present: Loren Bohl, park maintenance, and Tom Renz, Town board liaison. Public notice of meeting posted on 07/12/2023.

A motion to approve the agenda and dispense with reading of the last meeting made by Marcia, seconded by Mark. Passed.

The building permit approval for the garage at TLP will be on the agenda for the Bayfield County Zoning at their August meeting. It is not known why it was not on June or July agenda. If it is approved, concrete installation could be then scheduled.

Playground equipment to replace the wooden structure was discussed. Blair talked with Playworld Company and the representative would be open to coming to Barnes and the committee agreed that we would like to have that meeting to get an idea what the cost would be. Perhaps a sinking fund just for this equipment could be started in the budget, and also grants could be researched. Another option discussed was whether the existing structure could be renewed with composite or other wood on the horizontal parts, keeping the base frame parts and posts. No decision whether this would be an option.

The ice rink size, location and whether a liner would work was all discussed. An option to move to a small rink in front of warming house was brought up. A motion was made by Marcia to use a liner, seconded by Terry. Discussion ensued. A liner could be ordered for several hundred dollars and even replace every year if necessary and it would hold water over the concrete, using a portion of the existing rink. A liner could be about 30 feet by about 50-60 feet, with options of how to lay it so equipment could get on the ice. Motion not passed after the discussion. No liner was decided upon, but all thought it could solve the problem without a lot of extra cost.

AED Defibrillator was discussed to have in the city park near the courts. There is an AED in the town hall and also one in the church next door, but there are times these buildings are not open. Tom brought up that an AED out in the open could be damaged or parts stolen, etc. and the town would have a liability if anything happened as a result. A motion was made by Marc L. to post a sign at the courts that an AED is in the 2 locations nearby, seconded by Mark S. Passed.

Marc & Beth Lybeck asked for permission to donate a locked box at the courts containing equipment for anyone to use. Marc explained how it would work with his phone number on it for unlocking. Committee approved to accept this generous donation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 to measure ice rink.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Kolberg

